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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 14, 2016

Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard Street
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Trande Phillips, RN, Chair
Michael Jackson, MSN, BSN, RN, CEN, MICN
Elizabeth A. Woods, RN, FNP
Cynthia Klein, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Katie Daugherty, MN, RN, NEC presented the report on behalf of Janette Wackerly, MBA, BSN, RN, SNEC, NP committee Staff Liaison (note: All meeting materials prepared by J. Wackerly)

Meeting called to order at 11:45 am by Trande Phillips, RN, NP Committee Chair
Member introductions: Trande Phillips, RN, Cynthia Klein, RN, Michael Jackson, RN, Elizabeth Woods, RN, FNP

10.0 Review and Vote on Whether to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes October 8, 2015

Motion: Approve minutes: Michael Jackson			
Second: Elizabeth Woods			
TP: Yes	CK: Absent	MJ: Yes	EW: Yes

October 8, 2015 meeting minutes approved as submitted without any corrections.

10.1 Review and Comments on Proposed Language for Article 8 Standards of Nurse Practitioner Practice: Office of Administrative Law Pre-Notice Public Discussion

Today's 10.1 agenda item is the second of three scheduled pre-notice series of opportunities for the public to provide comments on the draft proposed NP regulations and the written letters of comment received as attached in the meeting materials. There were no committee member questions related to the letters included in the meeting materials. See more detailed summary of discussion related to this agenda item on the next page.

California Association of Colleges of Nursing (CACN), President Audrey Berman, PhD, RN provided oral and written comments in support of the proposed regulations indicating the 10/8/15 letter in the meeting materials from the California Action Coalition(CAC) Workgroup #1 most closely reflects CACN views. CACN's comments and written letter of 1/14/16 included six areas of recommended revisions described in the letter as items #1-#6, pages 1-2. Recommendations in the letter for items #1, 4, & 5 suggest replacing the word "valid" with "clear/unencumbered" pertaining to the required license status; in item #2- it is suggested the faculty requirements be changed to one year of clinical experience instead of two years within the last five years....; in item #3 related to interdisciplinary faculty, it is suggested the word "California" be deleted and the phrase... "if appropriate" be added after the word agency in proposed section CCR 1484 (7). In letter

item #6, pertaining to the CCR 1484 (g) curriculum section (5) (D)....the supervised direct patient care precepted clinical experiences...CACN is suggesting adding the phrase.... "or other appropriately qualified health care practitioner" to the end of the sentence. CACN's 1/14/16 letter will be included in the committee materials for the February 2016 Board meeting.

The following additional nursing organizations and individuals provided public testimony on 1/14/16 in support of the modernization and updating the NP regulations/language as proposed. Those commenting in support of the proposed regulations today emphasized the importance of the national certification requirements as integral to public protection and California having the highest standards of NP practice and competency validation in place.

Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL)

Patricia McFarland, MS, RN, FAAN

CEO and Advisor, California Student Nurse Association-reported CNSA will be providing a letter of support for the proposed regulations

California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP)

Katherine M. Ware MSN, RN, ANP-BC, CANP Health Policy Chair

Sara Marlow, MSN, RN, NP, CANP Health Practice Chair

Nancy Trego, GNP/LTC NP, Napa Area, CANP Health Policy Committee member

California Certified Nurse Midwives Association

Linda V. Walsh, RN, CNM, MPH, PhD, FACNM, President

SEIU 121 RN Nurse Alliance

Katherine Hughes, RN, Nurse Alliance of CA Liaison

Individual attendees providing comments

Liz Dietz, EdD, NP, RN, former BRN Board member, ANA/C member; including stated support for the CAC Workgroup#1 10/8/15 letter/comments

Lea Ross, ANP, UCSF in NP practice

The following organization provided oral testimony recommending national certification be made an option rather than a requirement in the proposed regulations to allow for broad autonomy and multiple pathways to BRN NP certification in California.

California Nurses Association

Jane Schroeder, JD, Regulatory Policy Specialist

Committee members, several APRNs, NPs and public attendees shared information about the Affordable Care Act and perceived implications in connection with the proposed regulations and issues such as access to health care, NPI numbers, NP reimbursement and national certification requirements by such organizations as Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers. It was also reported by the CACN representative, that CCNE, the national nursing education accreditation body for NP education program accreditation, requires NP faculty members be nationally certified. Comments on the issue of national certification ranged from those stating national certification is essential, should remain a requirement rather than be changed/removed or made optional to other attendees suggesting it be made optional rather than required in the proposed regulations. Public comment on 1/14/16 also included the suggestion to add appropriate "grandfathering" language/provisions to the proposed regulations.

The Practice Committee and Board invites interested parties to submit information/responses regarding the proposed changes to Article 8, Nurse Practitioner Standards to the following Nursing Practice Committee and Board at the following meetings:

- Nursing Practice Committee Meeting in Southern CA on March 10, 2016
- Board Meeting in Southern California on April 14, 2016

Board staff requests responses that will be presented for these meetings be submitted prior to the meeting at the address below. In addition, any interested parties who are unable to attend one of the above meetings but wishes to provide information/responses may send your written information to:

Janette Wackerly RN, BSN, MBA
Board of Registered Nursing
1747 North Market Blvd., Ste. 150
Sacramento, CA 95834

Other discussion: Those in attendance were informed by CANP representative, Katherine Ware, that SB 323 (S-Hernandez, A-Eggman, A-Stone), the bill for proposed NP practice changes is a two year bill (2015-2016) that was held in the Assembly Business and Professions committee, but the bill is not dead.

10.2 Information only item: Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) signed by Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant acting under the supervision of the physician.

AB 637, (Campos) Chapter 217, enacted during the 2015 legislative session (Chaptered 8/17/15), amends Section 4780 of the Probate Code, relating to resuscitative measures: Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms. This amendment authorizes the signature of a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant acting under the supervision of the physician and within the scope of practice authorized by law, to create a valid POLST form. The new 2016 form now includes the Physician/NP/PA information/signature(s) section reflecting the amendment. Information regarding this change is on the BRN website as well as being published in the Winter 2015 edition of the BRN report.

There were no questions or comments about the information provided. Further information about POLST can be obtained by contacting a local POLST coalition or the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California at 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833 or by email at kscholl@coalitionccc.org.

10.3 Information only item: Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) regulations for lay rescuer epinephrine auto-injector training certification standards

The set of regulations giving EMSA the authority to establish, review and approve training programs and grant certification that permits a layperson or off-duty EMS personnel to obtain a prescription for and administer the epinephrine auto-injector to a person experiencing potentially life threatening anaphylaxis was approved by the Office of Administrative law on October 16, 2015 and became effective January 1, 2016. The proposed BRN written advisory statement related to these new EMSA regulations that will be posted on the BRN website following Board approval includes specific EMSA contact information so interested parties needing further information about these EMSA regulations, training program approvals and certification requirements have the appropriate contact information to do so.

10.4 Information only item: printed Article: *RN Role Reimagined-How Empowering Registered Nurses Can Improve Primary Care* published by the California Healthcare Foundation August 2015

The article provided was briefly highlighted. It was included in the materials to further inform the committee of the specific strategies and examples of innovation related to the changing RN roles and training/nursing

education for RNs in primary care skills. The article indicates the listed strategies and training examples are successfully enabling RNs to make more clinical decisions independently (in CA by using standardized procedures) as well as perform effectively providing chronic disease management, care coordination, health risk appraisal, health promotion and disease prevention services as a part of primary care teams in a variety of ambulatory and primary care settings. The outcomes reported in the article suggest the RNs performing in these examples/patient care teams are "adding substantially to primary care capacity" in meeting community needs particularly in safety net clinics, community health centers and county health systems in CA, in the U.S., and globally. It was also mentioned the article examples mirror some of the current practice related calls/questions board NECs respond to from individual RNs and practice settings in California.

10.5 Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

No Public Comment

10.6 Adjournment at 12:40 pm

Submitted by:

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Janette Wackerly, MBA, BSN, RN, SNEC
Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
NP Committee Staff Liaison

Accepted by:


Trande Phillips, RN, NP Committee Chair